Bobbies' Helmets for Police

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Hints Offered to Lure Tourists

Heated Pools, Beer Gardens Urged for City

To attract more tourists Victoria should construct five or six heated swimming pools, take the emphasis off tea and crumpets, put its policemen back into bobbies' helmets and stop the "caterwauling" of bagpipes.

These are just a few of the hints offered so far in the public enquiry into tourist attractions being staged by the tourist committee of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce. (See page 7).

One man answering the committee's six questions, and in the running for a $50 prize, has suggested that a chairlift be built on the nearest snow-covered mountain. Another would see "beer gardens" along our streets and a third believes that tourists would be appreciative if restaurant janitors would refrain from sweeping the floor while patrons are eating.

Two entrants have so far advised against continued use of Scotland's traditional musical instrument, one with the statement "caterwauling bagpipes are enough to drive folks far away."

Entrants so far have almost unanimously counselled in favor of retaining the "little bit of olde England" atmosphere in tourist advertising and several have suggested Victorians should outdo themselves in creating beautiful private gardens.

There is also more-or-less general agreement that Victoria's salespeople are very polite and helpful, but some writers advise that people constantly in touch with tourists should take the attitude that no service is too great to render when goodwill is at stake.

Several letters to the tourist committee have suggested extensive improvements to the harbor area and one man believes a public aquarium would be a major attraction to visitors.

One Victoria woman writes: "Of course stress the 'Old England' atmosphere, but without so much ridicule of ourselves, as though we were ashamed of it. There is nothing wrong with the old world charm. Today it is unique and most gracious."

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Dame Margot Fonteyn Suspected in Plot

PANAMA ARRESTS BALLERINA

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Chief Quarry Still Free

PANAMA CITY (AP)—British ballerina Dame Margot Fonteyn, one of the world's greatest, was arrested Monday on suspicion of revolutionary activity against the Panamanian government.

The government's chief quarry was Miss Fonteyn's husband, Roberto Arias, former Panamanian ambassador to Britain. But he had apparently escaped by sea to his family's large cattle ranch on the Pacific coast 75 miles west of the Panamanian capital.

YACHT TRIP

The dancer had slipped back into Panama City at dawn Sunday after a weekend yacht trip off the Pacific coast with her husband. The government of President Ernesto de la Guardia Jr., charged that during the trip Arias had tried to organize an attack on a National Guard garrison outside the capital.

ARREST ORDER

National Guard Col. Bolivar Vallarino put out an order for Arias' arrest during the weekend and later extended the order Sunday to Dame Margot.

Meanwhile, Prince Philip, aboard the Royal yacht Britannia, was in the canal on his way to the Bahamas after arriving in Panama from the Pacific Sunday night on the last stage of his 100-day world tour.

DINNER GUEST

Philip, due back in London April 30, dined Sunday night with President de la Guardia.

Dame Margot disappeared after she slipped ashore. There had been reports that she took refuge in the Canal Zone, where any Panamian arrest order would be ineffective until certain diplomatic formalities were met.

ARMS RAID

The National Guard—Panama's sole armed force—captured some arms and ammunition in a raid on the Panama City home of attorney Anibal Illueca. The National Guard announcement of the raid did not connect it with Arias, however.

DAME MARGOT FONTEYN
. . . husband sought

Scientists

Canada's Loss U.S. Gain

OTTAWA (CP)—The government is losing scientists to the United States at a rate as high as 30 per cent in some professions, the Commons mines committee was told Monday.

The level of government salaries is partly to blame, said director general W. E. van Steenburgh of scientific services for the department of mines and technical surveys.

He said a recent survey, based on about 1,000 Canadian students who received assistance up to the doctorate level, showed about 30 per cent of those trained in Canada went to the U.S.

Firemen's Dispute At Crisis

MONTREAL (CP) — The firemen's union dispute with the CNR over the future use of firemen on diesels appears to be reaching a decisive point.

It may go to a strike, but if it does, the railway is determined to keep operating.

W. E. Gamble, Canadian vice-president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginmen, said Monday that authority for a nationwide strike has been received.

Union sources have indicated that if the firemen walk off their jobs, they won't get open or outright support from other railway unions.

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CNR Expects Big Rise In Revenue

OTTAWA (CP) — The CNR is looking to a big jump in freight revenues this year to slice its deficit by about $17,000,000.

The publicly-owned company said Monday it expects to be in the red only $34,400,000 on this year's operations.

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U.S. Union Seeks Boost

CLEVELAND (AP)—A 14-per-cent pay increase will be sought by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen for its nearly 200,000 members in negotiations on a new contract this year.

DORIS BROWNSEA
. . . wild chase captive.

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Asleep in Stolen Car

Thief Takes Girl On Terror Ride

A 13-year-old Saanichton girl was the terrified passenger in her father's car early Sunday when it was stolen for a joyride through Victoria.

Doris Brownsea of Dencross Terrace, Saanichton, was found in the car by police on Douglas Street after it was abandoned by the driver after 1½ hours of dodging pursuers in a squealing course around city streets.

Police said the girl was unharmed, but "terrified."

Doris and an older sister came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brownsea, to Victoria to attend a wedding reception for a niece of Mrs. Brownsea the night before in a hall on Kings Road, between Blanshard and Quadra.

Some time before 2.30 a.m., Doris told her parents she was tired and went to the car parked on Kings Road to go to sleep in the back seat, Mrs. Brownsea said yesterday.

LEFT IDLING

Mr. Brownsea started up the engine and left it idling so that the heater would be warm.

He went into the hall, and when the family returned two or three minutes later, the car was gone.

He phoned the police inside the hall. Outside, the family saw their car going south on Blanshard. A number of cars belonging to members of the party gave chase, but lost it when it kept going through a stop sign.

GRABBED DOOR

Later, sighting the car at another stop sign, Mr. Brownsea jumped out and grabbed the door handle of his own car before the driver stepped on the accelerator, nearly spinning him to the ground.

The girl, unaccustomed to Victoria, didn't know where she was when the car stopped on Douglas, her parents said. The driver told her that she should call the police. He ran away, leaving the keys and throwing his coat over his head.

Const. John Burdyny found the car on Douglas near Burnside at 3.26 a.m.

The girl told him she repeatedly asked the driver to let her out, but he refused. She said she didn't see his face. All she knew was that he had bushy hair.

Royal Plane Undershoots Rome Runway

ROME (Reuters)—An RAF Comet jet airliner landed at Rome Airport on its second try Monday, bringing Queen Mother Elizabeth and Princess Margaret into a driving rain for a five-day visit to Rome.

The jet undershot the runway because of bad visibility on its first try, but circled for height and made a perfect landing on the second approach. Neither of the royal visitors appeared upset by the near-accident.

The Queen Mother was first to step onto the rain-drenched ramp then ducked back into the aircraft and re-appeared with an umbrella.

Italian officials and reporters, who had jokingly referred to the "London weather" brought by the royal pair while waiting their arrival, surged forward under their own umbrellas for the greeting ceremonies.

During their visit, the Queen Mother and Margaret will have a private audience with Pope John—an engagement that has brought criticism from some Protestant groups in Britain.

The main purpose of the Queen Mother's visit is to unveil a memorial to the British poet Lord Byron in the gardens of Rome's Villa Borghese Park.

Margaret will spend most of her time sightseeing.

Among World's Best

Huge Gassers In on Peace

British Columbia appeared well on its way to becoming one of the natural gas capitals of the world yesterday when Mines Minister Kenneth Kiernan announced two new gas discoveries in the Peace River, about 50 miles from the Yukon border.

Indications are the new wells brought in by Gulf States Oil Company of Canada will produce around 40,000,000 cubic feet daily at open flow rate, which will place them among B.C.'s greatest natural gas wells and big wells by world standards.

REAL INDICATORS

Particularly interesting was the field pressures announced by Mr. Kiernan, which are the real indicators of the size of the wells.

Mr. Kiernan said the Kotcho Lake No. 3 gas well, with production from the middle Devonian formation, flowed at the rate of 5,350,000 cubic feet of gas on a 20-64-inch choke with 2,156 pounds flowing pressure.

The Petitot River No. 1 well from the same formation flowed at the rate of 6,408,000 cubic feet of gas on a 3-8-inch choke with 2,214 pounds pressure.

BIGGEST GAS FIELDS

It had been earlier speculated that the two wells might create the world's biggest gas field, but this now seems unlikely.

"Only further testing and drilling can ascertain the dimensions of this new find since it is in virgin territory," Mr. Kiernan said. "It is quite evident, however, that we have discovered a new area of great interest to all of B.C."

The Kotcho Lake discovery is on a 176,729-acre permit and the Petitot River discovery on a 101,244-acre permit.

60 MILES APART

"These two wells, some 60 miles apart in the Fort Nelson area, and in hitherto unproductive areas of the province are important for their location as well as their potential productivity," Mr. Kiernan said.

Doukhobor 'Curtain' Lifts Today

NELSON (CP)—The British Columbia department of education will get an official insight today into the type of schools being operated by Sons of Freedom Doukhobors at Krestova.

Two officials of the department will meet four mothers delegated by a group of women who have assumed control of Freedomite activities in Krestova.

Spokesman will be Dr. W. A. Plenderleith, co-ordinator of special services from Victoria.

The women of Krestova requested the conference shortly after they took over the sect's affairs.

Three schools, operated by the Sons with government blessing, teach a basic education course in Russian.

Liquor Board Pay Boosted

An order-in-council Monday increased the salaries of Liquor Board employees by about 7½ per cent, the same increase recently ordered for B.C. civil servants, and boosted the salary of Liquor Commissioner Donald McGugan to $14,000 from $12,000 a year.

Bulletins

OTTAWA—Opposition members failed in the Commons to get comment from Immigration Minister Fairclough on a recent press report that a controversial immigration order was drafted by civil servants to embarrass the government.

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QUEBEC — Frogman Louis Lourmais has started swimming the final 35 miles to Quebec City.

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SAN FRANCISCO — One-armed William Heikkila, whose sudden deportation a year ago stirred a public outcry that led to his return, was again ordered sent back to his native Finland.

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REGINA—Dr. George Kinneard says officials are investigating a general outbreak of influenza in the province.

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OTTAWA — Defence Minister Pearkes says "a complete understanding" exists between himself and United States Defence Secretary McElroy on the sharing of defence contracts between the United States and Canada.

Satellite To Carry Mice

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The next Discoverer satellite to be launched in a month or so will carry mice into space, it was disclosed last night.

The project was revealed by Roy W. Johnson, the defence department's space projects chief, who emphasized he meant "mice in the plural."

Johnson left the impression an effort would be made to eject the capsule containing the animals and return them safely to earth.

Scientists at the Cape Canaveral, Fla., missile test centre gave a mouse ride across the south Atlantic in the nose cone of an Atlas missile some time ago.

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Give Way to Jobless, Working Wives Told

TORONTO (CP)—A United Church official has suggested that working women whose husbands have good positions should help ease unemployment and give up their jobs.

Rev. Dr. James Mutchmor, secretary of the church's board of evangelism and social service, said there are 600,000 married women working. Many have husbands with good jobs.

"One wonders if a married woman should continue to work just to have a double income at the expense of those who have no job at all."

Dr. Mutchmor said he sensed a "mounting tension and bitterness" because of unemployment and inflation.

He called for a "summit conference" in Ottawa, with representatives of church and state, to study unemployment.